GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4626
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ATTACKS ON MINORITIES
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Kolar mein Swarn ko chaku lagane ke bad saat dalit jinda jalaye gaye` appearing in ` Jansatta` dated 13th March, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the protection of Dalits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information available with the Central Government, two incidents of violence and counter-violence between the members of Reddy community and Scheduled Castes had taken place in Kambalapalli village, Police Station Kencharlahalli, Kolar District, Karnataka on 11-3-2000. The incidents resulted in the stabbing and subsequent death of one Krishna Reddy and burning alive of seven members of the Scheduled Caste community.

(c) `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of cirime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to the improvement ofadministration of Criminal Justice System and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society. Financial assistance is also provided to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.